Constructing of a level crossing at Chilkia

1414. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of commuters have to cross the rail line at village Chilkia, Tehsil Ramnagar of North Eastern Railway;

(b) whtther it is also a fact that the affected residents have approached the authorities during the last few years for construction of a level crossing; and

(c) if so, what action is being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) A demand was received from Gram Pradhan, Chilkia through North Eastern Railway Users Consultative Committte for construction of a level crossing at KM. 72/3-4 between Kashipur and Ram Nagar Stations. This was not agreed to because two level crossings viz. level crossing No. 50-C and level crossing No. 49-C, one on either side of the proposed site of new level crossing, are already existing at about 875 mts. and 400 mts. away. Villagers can conveniently use these level crossings to cross the track. Provision of another level crossing in close proximity of these level crossings will be hazardous to both rail and road traffic and is therefore not considered desirable on safety consideration.

Extension of Howrah-Madras Corromondal Express upto Trivandrum

1415. SHRI JOYANTA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to extend the Howrah-Madras Corromondal Express upto Trivandrum;

(b) If not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have any plans to introduce any train from Howrah to Trivandrum; and

(d) how many daily trains are running from Howrah to Trivandrum?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Operational and resource constrints.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Nil. However, Trivandrum-Guwahati weekly Express 6321/6322 are running through Howrah.

रेलवे में चूककर्ता ठेकेदारों के विरुद्ध कार्यवाही

1416. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:**
चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह:

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या रेलवे परियोजनाओं के कार्यों में ठेकेदारों की विफलताओं का पता चला है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में जोनवार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इन ठेकेदारों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्रवाही की गई है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी. के. जाफर शरीफ): (क) से (ग) सूचना इक्टठी की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Earnings of Railways through freight and Parcel Charges

1417. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total estimated amount of earnings of Railways through freight and parcel charges, during the current year zone-wise;

(b) what are the corresponding figures of such earnings of the Railways during 1992-93 and 1993-94 zone-wise; and

(c) what is the total volume of goods carried by the Railway wagons during the current financial year and the corresponding figures of the last two financial years?

THE MINISTER OF OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b): A statement is attached (*See* below)

(c) During the current year, from April, 1994 to January, 1995 the Railways have carried 297.17 million tonnes of freight traffic. Freight traffic carried in the corresponding period of 1993-93 and 1993-94 was 286.20 and 290.36 million tonnes, respectively.

Statement

EARNINGS OF RAILWAYS THROUGH FREIGHT AND PARCEL CHARGES.

Earnings from Freight and parcel charges

(In Crores of Rupees)

Railway	1992-93 (Actuals)		1993-94 (Actuals)		1994-95 (Estimated)	
	Freight	Parcel	Freights	Parcels	Freight	Parcel
Central	1684.94	41.23	1999.78	46.12	2040.00	54.78
Eastern	1283.07	16.18	1499.80	16.90	1645.00	16.86
Northern	1726.29	52.90	1978.18	64.84	2045.00	65.50
North Eastern	178.05	7.21	183.01	3.44	180.00	6.57
Northeast Frontier	225.52	5.36	230.02	3.78	245.00	4 20
Southern	546.25	25.65	624.79	37.85	725.00	41.44
South Central	1047.76	28.64	1246.60	26.94	1280.00	26 67
South Eastern	2585 81	22.83	2965.14	24.55	3435.00	26.68
Western	1625.34	23.39	1830.04	24.40	2105.00	25.73
TOTAL	10903.03	223.39	12557.36	248.82	13700.00	268.43

ilow growth of railway transport system

1418. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will he Minister fo RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that growth ate of railway trnsport system in he country is slow;

(b) if so, what are the reasons nerefor; and

(c) what effective steps are being taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) Rail transport is a derived demand and is linked to growth of economy. Adequate rail transport capacity exists to meet the present demand of traffic.